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Ms. LeeAnn Diamond :
Environmental Manager : 43 CFR 3500 – Solid Leasable Minerals
Peak Minerals : Notice
2150 South 1300 East, Suite 350 :
Salt Lake City, UT 84106 :

Subject: Selection of ENValue as Sevier Playa EIS Contractor

Ms. Diamond:

We received proposals from three third-party consultants qualified to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze the impacts of potassium lease development for the potash included in the Sevier Playa Project (SPP). After evaluating the requested information provided by the potential third-party contractors and interviews with the applicants, the BLM has selected ENValue LLC to prepare the EIS for the BLM Sevier Playa Project.

Please advise the selected consultant, ENValue LLC, that they must sign a "No Conflict of Interest" or "Disclosure Statement" stating that they do not have any interest, financial or otherwise, in the outcome of the project prior to award of the contract. A copy of the signed statement must be provided to the BLM.

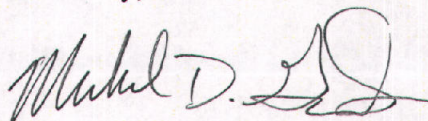
In addition to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) already signed by Peak Minerals and the BLM for cost recovery, a Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding (SMOU) will be drafted for the preparation of the EIS. A Draft Preparation Plan, which describes the content of the EIS, will be prepared as an appendix to the SMOU. The Preparation Plan will include a schedule for preparation of the EIS and a summary of the data that is needed to complete the EIS. With a few exceptions for necessary multiyear data collection requirements, data collection and

compilation will need to be completed prior to the initiation of NEPA analyses in order to meet the timeframes included in the draft schedule.

Also enclosed for your information is a copy of BLM Instruction Memorandum No. 2006-011, which provides guidance regarding BLM NEPA third party contracting procedures.

We look forward to meeting with you and the selected contractor in the near future to discuss the preparation of the EIS. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the contractor selection, the MOU, or the Communications Plan, please contact Duane Bays, Natural Resource Specialist at Fillmore Field Office, at (435) 743-3115.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Gates", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael D. Gates
Field Manager

cc: Peter Brinton, UDOGM
Deron Lawrence, CH2MHill
Randy Schroeder, ENValue